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TO : LAC, Inc. Chapters and Activists
FROM: LAC, Inc. Public Affairs Council and office
DATE: May 19, 1995
RE : ACTION ALERT - Calls to U.S. Senators Needed by TUESDAY

You've probably seen news reports of the House of Representatives adopting a 7-year budget resolution which "balances the budget" of the U.S. Government within 7 years. That budget resolution contains catastrophic cuts to the foreign affairs functions of the United States by ordering budget reductions from $20 billion/year to $9 billion/year over those 7 years. If these spending limits are also adopted by the U.S. Senate, it will mean that within five years the United States will not just eliminate most foreign aid including aid to Lithuania, but will also be closing down embassies around the world. (Example: Under these budget caps, the $12 million in aid to Lithuania will be reduced to $6 million.)

There is a chance to stop these irresponsible cuts that will cripple U.S. foreign policy by amending the budget resolution within the Senate. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) is offering an amendment to restore spending to the foreign affairs budget, known as the "150 account". His amendment will come to the floor of the Senate next Tuesday, May 23, 1995.

Please have your members and friends call both of your U.S. Senators and urge their support for Senator McConnell's amendment. Any Senator can be reached by calling the Capitol Hill operator at 202-224-3121. The message is:

"I CARE ABOUT U.S. AID TO LITHUANIA AND CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE. ALSO, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED TO JUST SENDING IN U.S. TROOPS. I ASK THE SENATOR TO SUPPORT SENATOR MCCONNELL'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FUNDING. VOTE FOR THE MCCONNELL AMENDMENT."

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REMINDER: The annual LAC, Inc. public affairs seminar is in three weeks, Friday, June 9, 1995. Register early and save! Call our offices for the latest schedule of events and registration materials. Your presence in Washington, DC is as important now as it was in 1990.

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Apologies to you, if we haven't yet made requested corrections in our fax list. This emergency has arisen just as we were making your requested changes.

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